

REP. BECERRA VOTES AGAINST NPR DEFUNDING

WASHINGTON, DC—Building on their effort to eliminate all funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in their continuing budget resolution (H.R. 1), today House Republicans voted to approve H.R. 1076, “Prohibiting Federal Funding of NPR and Use of Federal Funds by Public Radio Stations to Acquire Programming.” Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, voted against the bill and released the following statement:

“The dust is setting and now we can see who House Republicans identify as the culprits of these massive budget deficits: *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered* and *A Prairie Home Companion*, join Big Bird and Dora the Explorer, community programming and Head Start in the lineup of suspects. ☐ Who knew!

The truth is, defunding public radio does nothing to create jobs or reduce the deficit—in fact, NPR says that it endangers 9,000 jobs at local stations and the Congressional Budget Office says it won’t reduce the deficit by one penny.

What H.R. 1076 will do is decimate the smaller NPR stations throughout America that provide vital, on-the-ground local reporting, national news and community programming over the air.

This is day 72 of this new Congress with Republicans in charge of the House of Representatives. ☐ We should be focused on creating jobs and fixing our long term deficit problem. ☐ Eliminating a source of quality, commercial-free news and programming in small-town America does neither.”